(d) if so, the action taken against these operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) All the Basic Private Service Operators (BPSOs), who were issued licence in 1997, have migrated to Unified Access Service Licence (UASL) in November 2003. According to the guidelines of UASL, there is no requirement of mandatory coverage of rural areas under the migrated UASL licence.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Common telephone directory

2488. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and TRAI would explore the possibility of having one telephone enquiry number for all landline phones in a city or State;

(b) whether the concept of a common telephone directory has been explored;

(c) whether Government would ensure that public have easy access to enquire all phone numbers of all telecom companies in a city or State;

(d) the status of efforts to evolve a common telecom directory in public interest; and

(e) the reasons for regulating this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) The proposal is under consideration in the Department of Telecommunications.

Fund for benefit of telephone subscribers

2489. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TRAI has constituted a fund for the benefit of Telephone subscribers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the sources of finance for the fund;

(d) whether Government have made any initial contribution to the fund; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has established the Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund.